

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:
  - a plurality of feeder vessels (36) containing the tablets;
  - a plurality of mounting bases (32) on which respective feeder vessels
  - 5 (36) are mounted;
  - a tablet reserving member (200) disposed below the mounting base (32), the tablet reserving member (200) reserving the tablets fed from feeder vessels (36); and
  - a shutter (203, 300) which is movable to open and close the lower
  - 10 opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when setting the tablet vessel (11) beneath the tablet reserving member (200) and moving the shutter (203, 300) to open the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member (200) are fed into the tablet vessel (11), the apparatus further comprising:
  - 15 a LED (201) which is turned on when the tablets are fed to the tablet reserving member (200); and
  - a sensor (206, 301a, 301b) for detecting opening or closing operation of the shutter (203);
  - whereby when the sensor (206, 301a, 301b) detects the opening
  - 20 operation of the shutter (203, 300), the LED (201) is turned off.
2. The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein after the tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member (200) and the LED (201) is turned on, the tablets can not be fed from the mounting base (32)
- 25 unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter (203, 300) is detected by the sensor (206, 301a, 301b).
3. A tablet packing apparatus, the apparatus comprising:
  - a plurality of feeder vessels (36) containing the tablets;
  - 30 a plurality of mounting bases (32) on which respective feeder vessels

(36) are mounted;

a tablet reserving member (200) disposed below the mounting base (32), the tablet reserving member (200) reserving the tablets fed from feeder vessels (36); and

5 a shutter (203, 300) which is movable to open and close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when setting the tablet vessel (11) beneath the tablet reserving member (200) and moving the shutter (203, 300) to open the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets contained in the tablet reserving member (200) are fed into  
10 the tablet vessel (11);

wherein after the tablets are discharged in the tablet reserving member (200), the tablets can not be fed from the mounting base (32) unless the opened condition and subsequent closed condition of the shutter (203, 300) is detected by the sensor (206, 301a, 301b).

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4. The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the  
20 lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200) is opened.

5. The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is formed with an arc-like cutout portion (204, 302) with which the tablet vessel (11) engages.

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6. The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the  
30 lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200) is opened.

7. The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 3, wherein the shutter (203, 300) is urged so as to close the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200), whereby when engaging the tablet vessel (11) with the shutter (203, 300) to push the shutter (203, 300) against an urged force, the lower opening of the tablet reserving member (200) is opened.